

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
MARCH 18, 2009 8:30 AM**

Present: Mayor Eden, Commissioners Cummins, McDowell, and Vowels. City Attorney Hays was in attendance as legal council, City Administrator Eaton, Police Chief Chappell, Public Works Director Romine, and City Clerk Batliner.

Absent: Commissioner Wise

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Pledge.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from March 3, 2009 regular city meeting for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Vowels made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden presented Ordinance #2009- 003 pertaining to Sidewalks for first reading and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner Cummins made the motion to waive the reading of the entire text. Commissioner McDowell seconded.** Motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Hays summarized Ordinance # 2009-003. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept first reading of Ordinance #2009-003. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance # 2009-003 will be placed on the April 7, 2009 agenda for second reading and possible adoption.

Mayor Eden presented the Maintenance Position Job Description for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. Mayor Eden recommended that Commissioner Cummins and Commissioner McDowell review the document before the next regular meeting and make recommendations.

City Administrator Eaton advised the City received bids for building repairs after the ice storm and Misner Siding Company was the low bid. **Commissioner Vowels made the motion to accept the bid from Misner Siding but the cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the Commissioners Report:

Commissioner McDowell had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Cummins had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recommended the two Commissioners meet with each Department Head to discuss the 2009-2010 budget to get suggestions or comments. The Commission agreed and the meeting will be scheduled.

Commissioner Vowels presented the financial report for approval and everyone was furnished a copy. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Commissioner Vowels seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wise -absent. City Administrator Eaton advised the State has approved the Whitney Young project.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Hays advised he has addressed two unfinished sidewalks in Todd's Station, and also will be absent at the April 7, 2009 City meeting.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Eaton advised he will be attending a workshop at Cedarmore on Thursday March 19, 2009. City Administrator Eaton also advised the Chamber of Commerce showcase will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Mayor Eden recognized the Police Departments Report: Police Chief Chappell had nothing at this time.

Mayor Eden recognized the Public Works Departments Report: Public Works Director Romine presented information regarding the City's generator needs. Mayor Eden recommended the City contract to have a transfer switch installed on the City Hall building so if needed, City Hall can be plugged into a generator should the need arise in the future. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to install a generator transfer switch on the City Hall building. Commissioner Cummins seconded.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eden recognized the Parks Departments Report: Absent. Commissioner Vowels advised soccer will begin soon, and also the trees at Wiche Park will be taken down and new trees will be planted.

Mayor Eden recognized the City Clerks Report: City Clerk Batliner advised she has worked with FEMA to complete the reporting for reimbursement for cost incurred due to the January ice storm. City Administrator Eaton thanked Police Chief Chappell and Public Works Director Romine for a good job getting information together for the reports.

Mayor Eden thanked the Commission for supporting the debris removal.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vowels seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded approximately 9:19 am.

Debbie Batliner/City Clerk

Steve Eden/Mayor